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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
NOBUKO YAMAMOTO ET AL. ) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Application No.: 09/942,588 ) Group Art Unit: 1645  
Filed: August 31, 2001 )  
For: SCREENING METHOD FOR )  
GENE VARIATION ) November 15, 2001

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 33, please replace the paragraph beginning and ending on the last line of page 33 with the following paragraph. A marked up copy of the original paragraph showing the changes thereto is attached.

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REMARKS

This Amendment is to correct a typographical error in the nucleotides of SEQ ID NO. 6. Support for this amendment may be found, inter alia, in Table 1 at page 14